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For: ANTISENSE OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDES REGULATING
EXPRESSION OF THE TNF-ALPHA

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2000, paper
number 3. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

SvB c17

5. (Amended) A synthetic nuclease resistant antisense

oligodeoxynucleotide for selectively [modulating] inhibiting human tumor necrosis

factor alpha said antisense oligonucleotide comprising: [by targeting] an exon

targeting [sequences] sequence flanking donor splice sites thereby regulating

expression of TNF- α .

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